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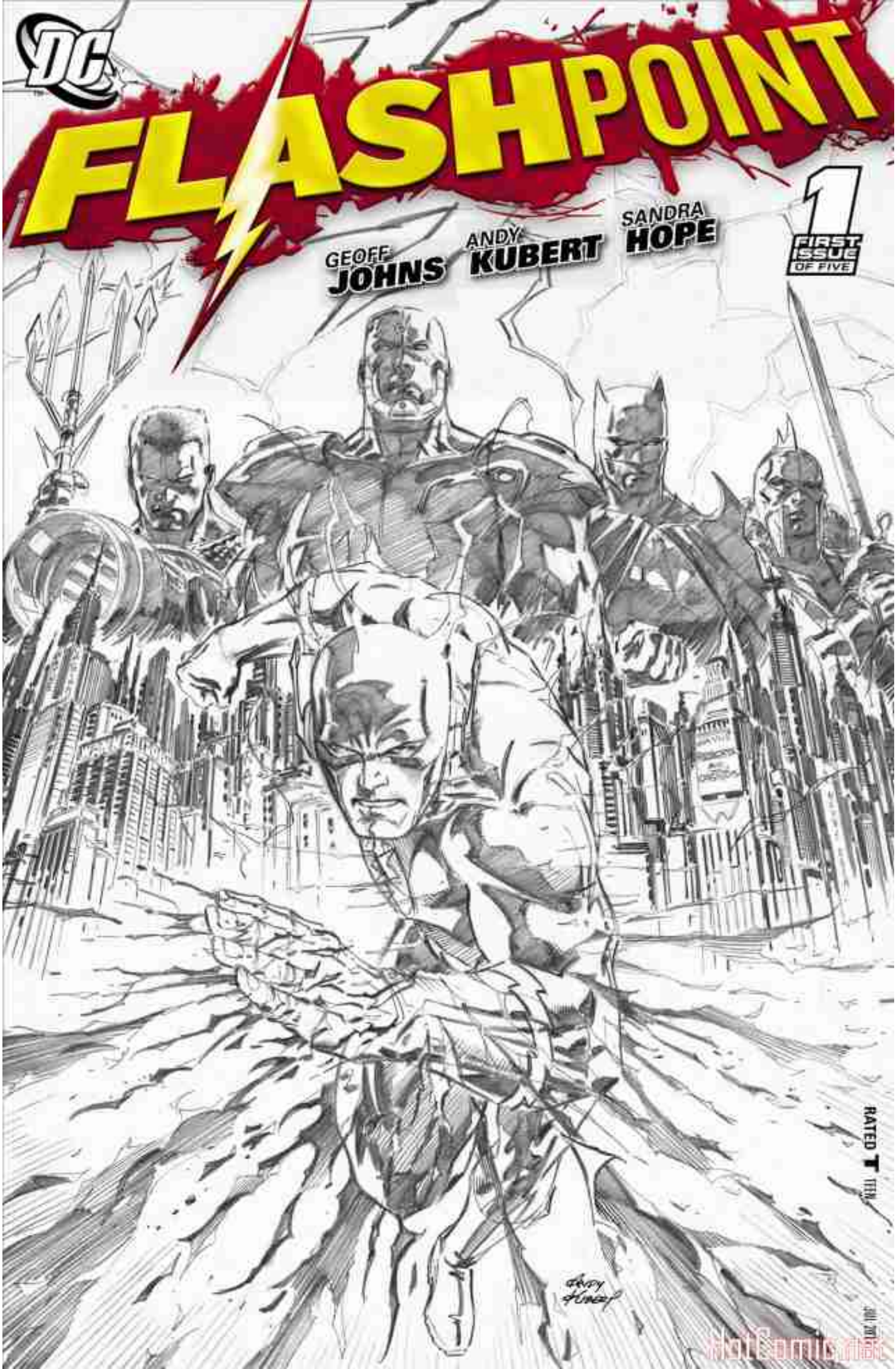
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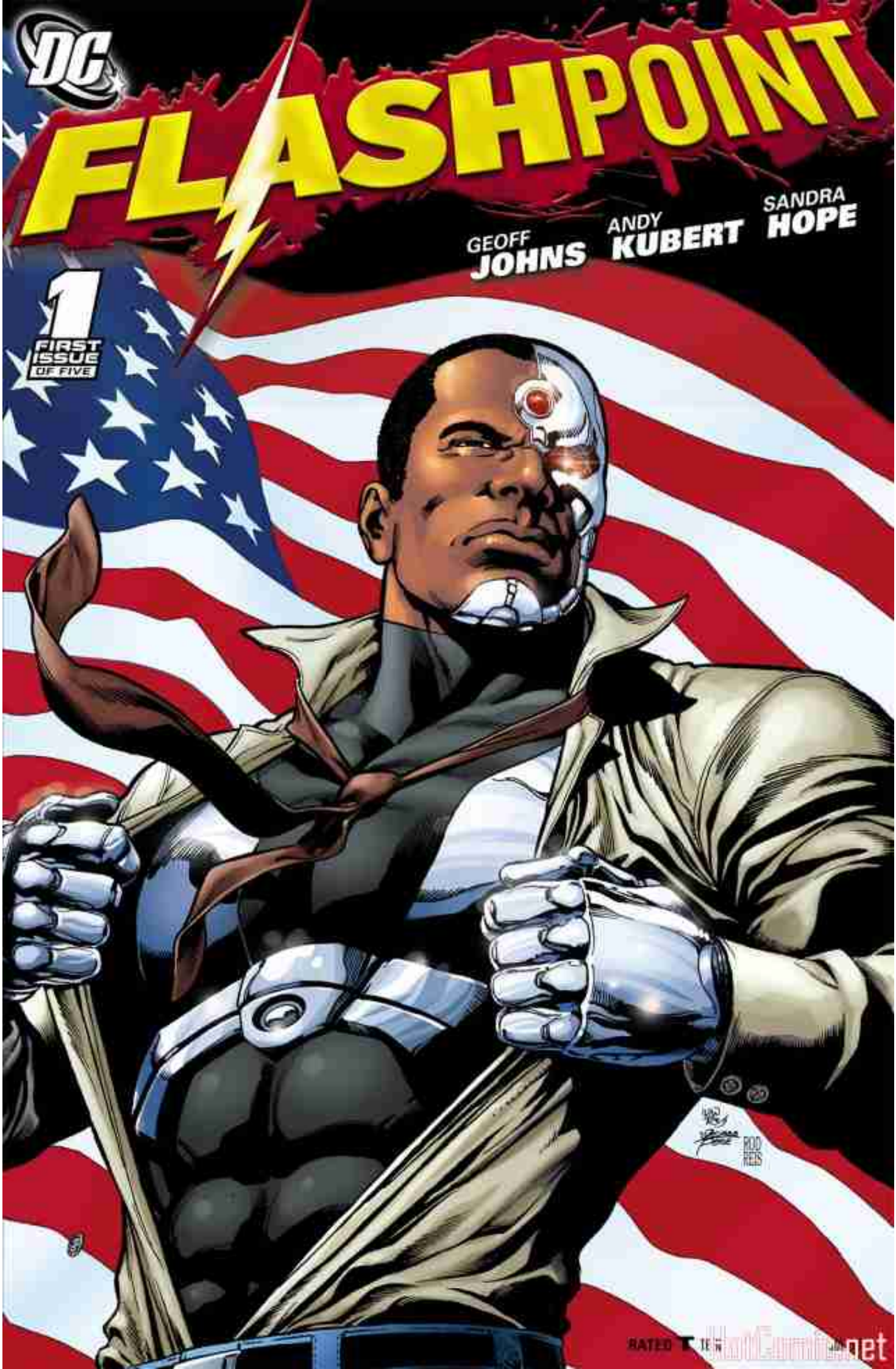
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THERE'S ONLY ONE THING I KNOW ABOUT LIFE.
MOM, IF IT WAS ME I'D STOP AND HELP.
I KNOW YOU WOULD, BARRY.
BUT I'M THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN GET THIS LEMON STARTED AGAIN ANYWAY.
ALLEN, NORA
STATUS: UNSOLVED
I KNOW SOME THINGS HAPPEN BY CHANCE.

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BARRY ALLEN WAS ONCE HAUNTED BY THE PAST.
BUT WHEN HE BECAME THE FLASH, HE LEFT THE GHOSTS BEHIND.
HE FOUND LOVE.
CENTRAL CITY PRE
A FAMILY.
AND FOR THE FIRST TIME EVER...
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FRIENDS.
BARRY THOUGHT YESTERDAY WAS FINALLY BEHIND HIM...
...BUT SOMEBODY WOULDN'T LET HIM ESCAPE IT.
WHEN BARRY CAME TO ME FOR HELP, I TURNED HIM AWAY.
I'M NOT THE HERO OF THIS STORY.
I'M A MAN WHO'S BEEN CORRUPTED BY HIS OWN UNBEARABLE PAIN. I'M A MAN WHO HAS TOO MUCH BLOOD ON HIS HANDS TO BE CALLED GOOD.
I'M A MAN WHO HAD NOTHING LEFT TO LIVE FOR--
-- UNTIL THE DAY I MET THE FLASH.
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BARRY, WAKE UP!
FORREST?
C'MON, BARRY. I KNOW WE'VE BEEN PULLING EIGHTEEN-HOUR SHIFTS ON MISS ALCHEMY'S MURDER, BUT DIRECTOR SINGH'S NOT GOING TO CARE.
MISS ALCHEMY? WHO'S MISS ALCHEMY?
YOU BETTER RUB THE SAND OUT OF YOUR EYES BEFORE--
ALLEN!
TOO LATE.

SLEEPING ON THE JOB AGAIN?
GIVE HIM A BREAK, SINGH. WE'VE BEEN PULLING ALL-NIGHTERS TRYING TO BREAK THIS CASE.
WE KNOW WHO MURDERED MISS ALCHEMY, FORREST. ALL I'M BEGGING YOU GUYS FOR IS EVIDENCE. YOU GET IT AND WE CAN FINALLY REVEAL THE TRUTH BEHIND CENTRAL CITY'S "GREATEST HERO--"
--CITIZEN COLD.
YOU MEAN CAPTAIN COLD? OF THE ROGUES?

PUBLIC SUPPORT'S TOO STRONG. THE CHIEF WON'T LET US GO AFTER COLD UNTIL WE HAVE ROCK SOLID EVIDENCE. DAMMIT, ALLEN, I NEED...?
ALLEN?!

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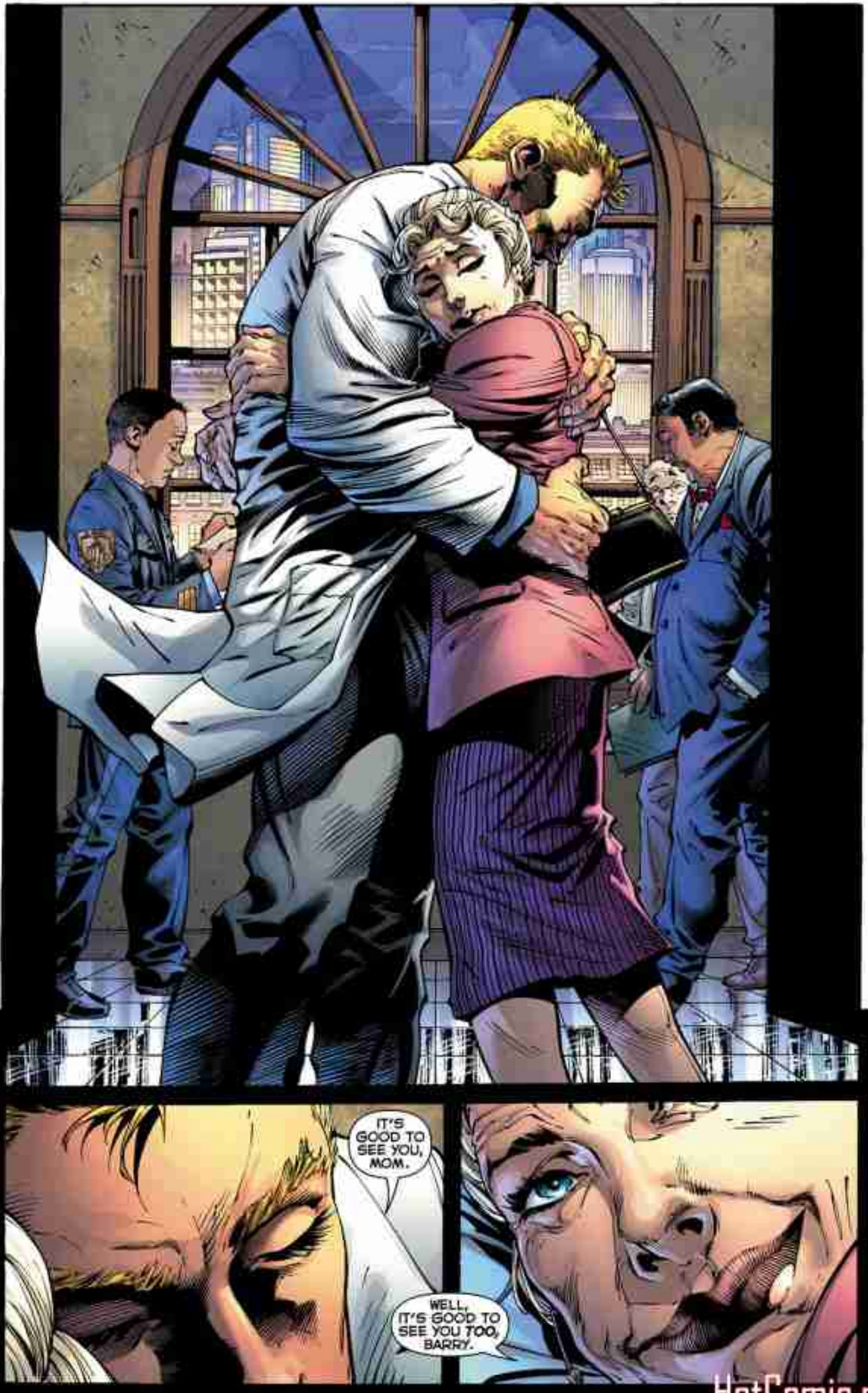

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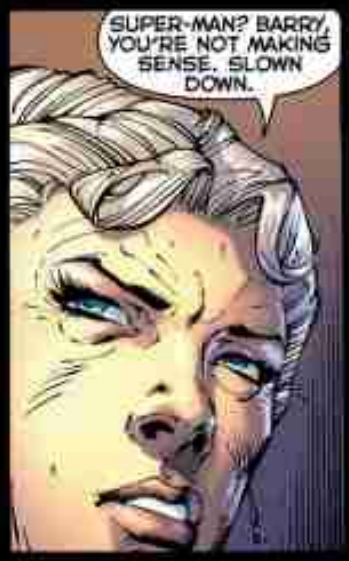
MOM, IF YOU'RE HERE, WHERE'S DAD?
ARE YOU SURE YOU'RE FEELING OKAY? DID YOU HIT YOUR HEAD?
WHERE IS HE?
BARRY, YOUR FATHER DIED FROM A HEART ATTACK THREE YEARS AGO.
WHAT'S GOING ON? WHAT WERE YOU DOING RUNNING DOWN THE STAIRS?
DELI
MOM, I'M...

WHO'S THE FLASH? WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
THE FLASH. YOU KNOW...
THE GUY WHO CAN RUN FAST. FROM THE JUSTICE LEAGUE.
WHAT'S THE JUSTICE LEAGUE?



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WHERE'S THE JOKER? THE JOKER'S IN ALL OF US, BATMAN!
IT'S IN YOU. ME. THE PEOPLE OF GOTHAM CITY. WE'RE ALL A LITTLE BIT CRAZY.
I'M NOT CRAZY.
NO ONE IN THEIR RIGHT MIND WOULD STAY IN GOTHAM, WOULD THEY?
TELL ME WHERE THE JOKER'S FUNHOUSE IS THIS TIME. TELL ME WHILE YOU CAN STILL TALK.
IT'S ON THE TIP OF MY TONGUE.
THEN LET'S GET IT OFF.
JUDGE DENT'S TWINS WERE KIDNAPPED LAST NIGHT. I KNOW THE JOKER HAS THEM.
WHERE ARE THEY?!
EVEN IF I DID KNOW, IT WOULDN'T DO YOU ANY GOOD, BATMAN.
IT'S PROBABLY TOO LATE. THEY'RE PROBABLY ALREADY DEAD.
THEN SO ARE YOU.
WAIT--!

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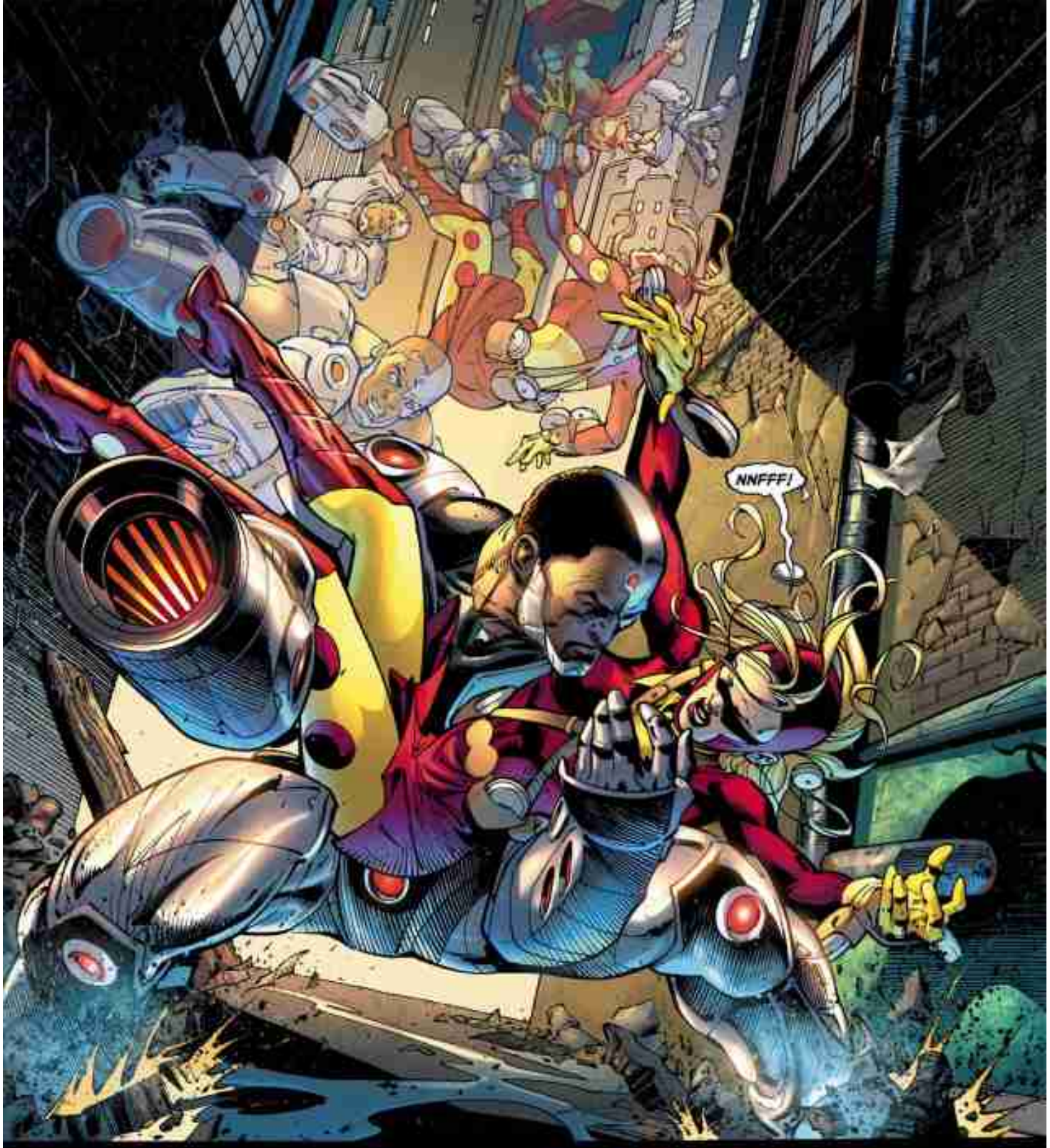

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YOU SHOULD'VE LET HER HIT THE GROUND.
YOU'RE NOT GOING TO ASK HOW I FOUND YOU?
THERMAL VISION. CYBERNETIC HEARING. PLUGGING INTO ONE OF YOUR SATELLITES TO GET A BIRD'S-EYE VIEW OF GOTHAM.
IT WAS EASIER THAN THAT. IT'S NIGHT IN GOTHAM.
YOU'RE HUNTING.
AND YOU ALWAYS CHASE THEM TO THE LEDGE OF THIS PARTICULAR ALLEY.
IT'S A LONG WAY DOWN.
SHE SLIPPED.
A LOT OF THEM SLIP.
BUT I'M NOT HERE TO JUDGE YOU, BATMAN.
YOU'D BE THE FIRST.
WE NEED YOUR HELP.
WE?
YEAH.
WEEP

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BARRY, WHAT ARE WE DOING HERE?
I NEED TO TALK TO IRIS.
IRIS? OH, IS THIS A NEW FRIEND OF YOURS? ARE YOU DATING?
I'LL ONLY BE A MINUTE, MOM.
EXCUSE ME. I'M LOOKING FOR IRIS ALLEN.
THEN YOU BETTER KEEP LOOKING. THERE'S NO IRIS ALLEN HERE, PAL.
OH, WAIT. YOU MEAN IRIS WEST?
YES, I GUESS I--
NO ONE CAN DO THIS BUT ME, VANESSA.
AND NO ONE ELSE IS VOLUNTEERING.
BECAUSE IT'S TOO FREAKING DANGEROUS, IRIS.
RUMOR IS LOIS LANE IS ALREADY BEHIND ENEMY LINES. SOMEONE ON OUR TEAM NEEDS TO TELL THE WORLD WHAT'S GOING ON IN WHAT'S LEFT OF EUROPE. SOMEONE NEEDS TO FIND OUT WHAT CAUSED THIS WAR IN THE FIRST PLACE!
LET'S TALK ABOUT THIS OVER A CAPPUCCINO.
YOU'RE BUYING.
IRIS!
IRIS, IT'S--
IRIS! SWEETIE!
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DON'T TELL ME YOU'RE STILL TRYING TO GET APPROVAL FOR THIS INSANE TRIP.
IT'S NOT INSANE, JOHN, IT'S IMPORTANT.
MAYBE YOU CAN TALK HER OUT OF IT.
ONCE HER MIND'S MADE UP, THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN TALK IRIS WEST OUT OF ANYTHING IS HER NEPHEW.
WHY IS EVERYONE SO WORKED UP?
BECAUSE NO ONE WANTS ANYTHING HAPPENING TO YOU, IRIS.
ESPECIALLY ME.
WHAT IS IT?
NOTHING, I GUESS. I JUST...
"...FELT LIKE WE WERE BEING WATCHED."
HOW NICE TO SEE YOU ALIVE AND WELL, MRS. ALLEN.
HELLO?
MOM!
I'M SORRY, BUT WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO DO DINNER LATER.
DO I OWN A CAR?
NO.
CAN I BORROW YOURS?
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"I NEED TO GO SEE SOMEONE."
THEY'RE ALL HOLOGRAMS.
SOME OF THEM ARE STILL IN HIDING. SOME REFUSED TO APPEAR IN PERSON.
IT'S BATMAN! HE'S REAL.
HE'S OLDER THAN I THOUGHT.
HE'S BEEN DOING IT LONGER THAN US.
YOU KNOW WHY WE'RE HERE, BATMAN.
OVER ONE HUNDRED MILLION PEOPLE DIED WHEN ATLANTIS SANK WESTERN EUROPE INTO THE OCEAN.
BEFORE THAT, THIRTY-TWO MILLION WERE SLAUGHTERED WHEN THE AMAZONS CLAIMED THE UNITED KINGDOM AS NEW THEMYSCIRA.
THEY BOTH WANT TO RULE THE WORLD.
WE HAVE TO TAKE DOWN AQUAMAN AND WONDER WOMAN BEFORE THEY RAVAGE THE REST OF EARTH FIGHTING OVER IT.
YOU KNOW HOW POWERFUL THEY ARE. YOU KNOW THE ALLIES THEY HAVE. I NEED TO KNOW AND I NEED TO KNOW NOW--
--WHO'S WITH ME?
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I AM!
I HAVEN'T BEEN INVITED TO ANYTHING IN SO LONG, IT SOUNDS LIKE FUN--
FUN? MAYBE FOR YOU, ELEMENT WOMAN, BUT A GUY LIKE ME, HELL, ANY GUY SETS FOOT ON THE GOOD OL' U.K...
...I HEARD YOU'RE SINGIN' SOPRANO.
I'M IN, CYBORG. WE'VE GOT BATMAN ON OUR SIDE. AND I OWE YOU THAT MUCH FOR GIVING ME MY VOICE BACK.
BUT I DON'T LIKE THE MIXED COMPANY. CITIZEN COLD BEING THE PRIME EXAMPLE.
HEY, JUST BECAUSE YOU GOT A LITTLE CRUSH ON ME THAT'S NOT RETURNED, DON'T GO SPOUTIN' OFF YOUR USUAL PARANOID RANT.
YOU TRIED TO SILENCE ME ONCE, COLD. YOU SHATTERED MY VOCAL CORDS.
EVERYONE KNOWS YOUR REP AS SOME KIND OF ALTRUISTIC DO-GOODER IS A LIE.
PROVE IT, PIPER. AND LOWER THE WEAPON. AIN'T GONNA DO MUCH GOOD IF WE'RE NOT REALLY HERE.

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I KINDA HAVE TO AGREE WITH THE PIED PIPER. I KNOW WE'RE STRAPPED, CYBORG, BUT YOU'RE ASKING ME TO FIGHT ALONGSIDE THE OUTSIDER?
THAT PSYCHO'S CORPORATION HAS BEEN HUNTING ME DOWN FOR MONTHS! I HAD TO QUIT SCHOOL! I LOST MY GIRLFRIEND!
THE OUTSIDER RUINED MY LIFE!
YOU'RE FIFTEEN, FAROOQ. YOU DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT LIFE.
AND YOU NEVER WILL IF AQUAMAN AND WONDER WOMAN ARE LEFT UNCHECKED.
AND AS FOR YOUR PREDICAMENT, YOU CLAIM I'M THE ONE HUNTING FOR YOU? YOU COULD KEEP MY HOMELAND LIT FOR YEARS... OR ANY OTHER COUNTRY ON THIS PLANET. YOU'RE THE CLEANEST AND MOST POWERFUL SOURCE OF ELECTRICITY ON EARTH. BLACKOUT. NOT THAT I'M ADMITTING TO ANYTHING; INDIA WOULD BENEFIT GREATLY FROM PLUGGING YOU IN--
--BUT SO WOULD EVERYONE ELSE.
NO ONE IS FRIENDS HERE. WE ALL KNOW THAT.
BUT RIGHT NOW THE PAST HAS TO BE THE PAST.
TOMORROW IS ALL THAT MATTERS.
THIS WAR IS BAD FOR BUSINESS. MY BUSINESS.
AS MUCH AS I LOATHE SLUMMING IT ALONGSIDE EVERYONE HERE, YOURSELF EXCLUDED, CYBORG...
...THE OUTSIDER IS ALSO IN.
JUST DON'T EXPECT ME TO GET MY SUIT DIRTY.

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YEAH. I'M IN TOO.
ABIN?
IF THE GUARDIANS WILL ALLOW IT, I WILL HELP YOU PRESERVE YOUR POLITICAL BORDERS.
I DREAMT ABOUT THIS IN 1937. OR '38.
I SHOULD'VE WRITTEN IT DOWN, BUT DREAMS ON PAPER ARE NEVER AS GOOD AS THE REAL THING.
WITH BATMAN HERE... SO AM I.
YOU GOT ME, RIGHT, CYBORG? I SAID, "YES."
I MEAN IT'S NOT EVERY DAY I GET TO BELONG TO SOMETHING!
SHE'D VOLUNTEER FOR A TRIP TO HELL.
LEAVE ELEMENT WOMAN BE, ENCHANTRESS. SHE CAN'T HELP IT.
MY META-VEST CAN SENSE IT WITHIN HER.
EMILY SUNG, THE ELEMENT WOMAN, IS A BIT *MAD*.

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WHAT ABOUT THE SECRET SEVEN, SHADE?
NO.
WE NEED TO PUT IT TO A VOTE, ENCHANTRESS. OUR ASSOCIATES REMAIN UNREVEALED, BUT THEIR VOICES NEED TO BE HEARD. IF I MAY ASK?
DO WE FIGHT?
I'M INCLINED TO SAY "YES," RAC.
NO.
NO.
YES.
YES.
NO.
YES.
FOUR TO THREE. SO YES.
YOU'RE ALWAYS UNDERMINING ME, PRINCESS.

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WE NEED TO VOTE TOO!
TAWNY AND I BOTH SAY, "NO."
PEDRO, TAWNY CAN'T TALK.
BILLY, PARIS IS LIKE TWO MILES UNDERWATER! WHAT'S TAWNY SUPPOSED TO DO, HUH?
TIGERS CAN'T BREATHE UNDERWATER AND NEITHER CAN I!

I GOTTA SAY, BILLY, I KNOW THE COURAGE OF ACHILLES IS FLOWING THROUGH YOU, BUT HAVING THE POWER OF ZEUS LETS ME THINK LOUD AND CLEAR.
THESE AREN'T THE DROIDS WE'RE LOOKING FOR.

THIS HAS TO BE A TEAM EFFORT, FREDDY. AND THAT'S WHAT OUR FAMILY IS ALL ABOUT.
YOU AND BILLY MIGHT BE REAL FAMILY, MARY, BUT WE'RE NOT.
WE'RE JUST A BUNCH OF KIDS WHO WERE STUCK ON A SUBWAY CAR THAT GOT HIJACKED TO HOGWARTS.

YOU'VE GOT THE WISDOM OF SOLOMON, EUGENE. WHAT DO YOU THINK?
I THINK THAT'S QUITE OBVIOUS, DARLA DEAR.
WE SHOULD ASK CAPTAIN THUNDER.

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SHAZAM
KRYPTONITE
WONDER WOMAN LEFT QUITE AN IMPRESSION ON ME.
IT'S TIME I LEFT ONE ON HER.
WHEN DO WE LEAVE?

AS SOON AS WE FORMULATE OUR PLAN.
THAT'S WHERE YOU COME IN, BATMAN. THERE'S NO BETTER TACTICIAN ON THE PLANET--
FORGET IT.
BATMAN--
YOU DON'T STAND A CHANCE, CYBORG.
AQUAMAN AND WONDER WOMAN *AREN'T* INVINCIBLE.
I'M NOT TALKING ABOUT THE *KING* AND THE *QUEEN*.
I'M TALKING ABOUT THIS *FIGHT CLUB* YOU'RE TRYING TO PUT TOGETHER.
AS SOON AS YOU ACTUALLY GET ALL OF THESE IDIOTS IN ONE ROOM--
--THEY'LL *KILL* EACH OTHER AND THEN THEY'LL KILL *YOU*.
THE WORLD'S GOING TO *ERUPT* INTO WAR, BATMAN! AND IF IT DOES, THERE WON'T BE *ANYTHING* LEFT! INCLUDING *GOTHAM!* INCLUDING *YOU!*
ONE CAN ONLY HOPE.
I THOUGHT YOU COULD *DELIVER* BATMAN. IF *HE'S* OUT, THE OUTSIDER IS OUT.
SORRY, VIC.
...THE SECRET SEVEN WILL HAVE TO RECONSIDER...
...IT'S TOO DANGEROUS...
"...IT'S SUICIDE...
WAY!

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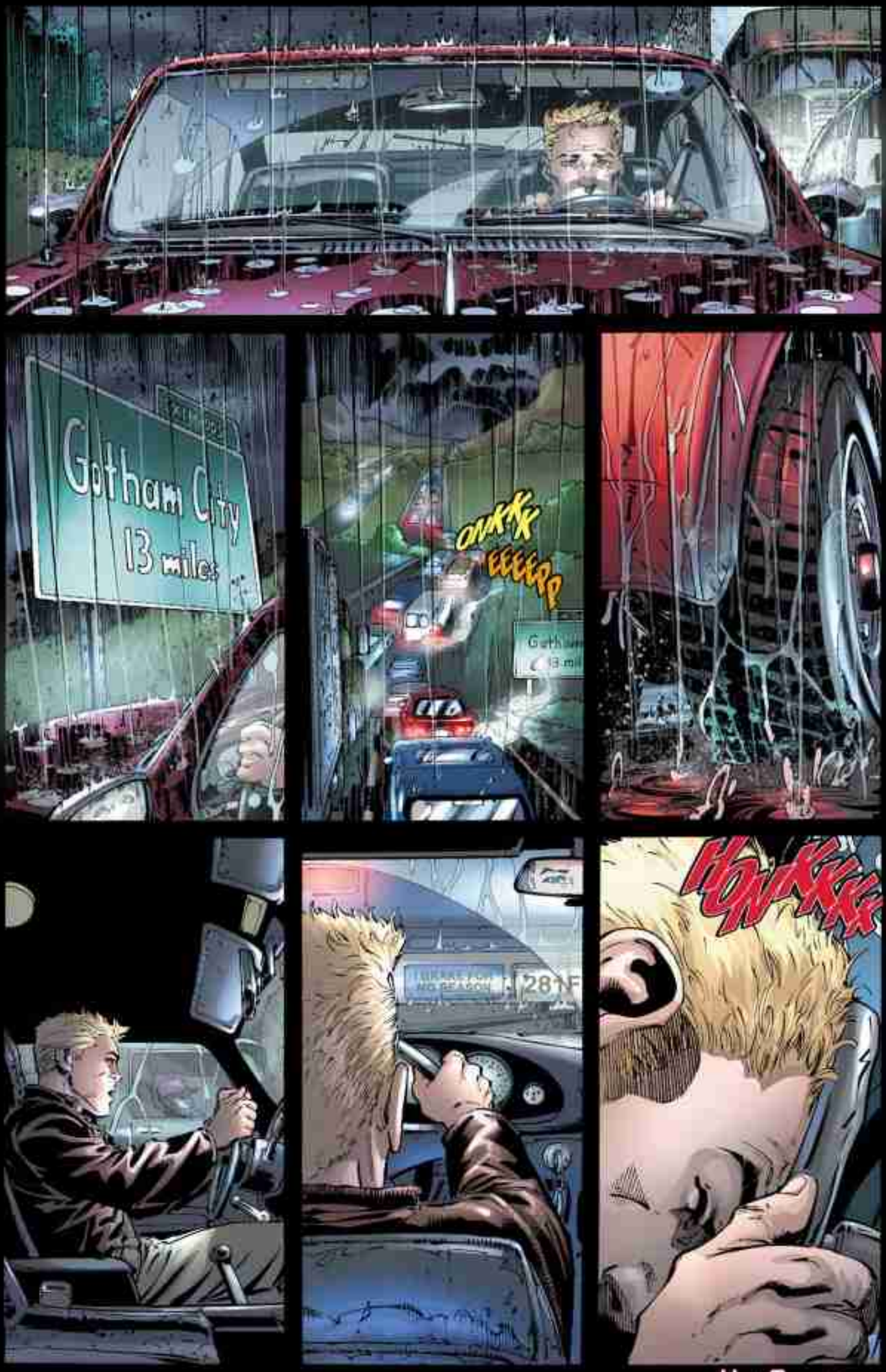

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LIKE I SAID, I'M NOT THE HERO OF THIS STORY.
WHO ARE YOU?
WHO THE HELL ARE--?
BRUCE, WAIT!
YOU HAVE TO REMEMBER. IT'S ME. IT'S BARRY ALLEN. BRUCE--
BRUCE?
I KNOW YOUR REAL NAME. I KNOW WHAT HAPPENED.
BRUCE...
BRUCE IS DEAD.
I WATCHED HIM DIE.
THIS IS... MY GOD... YOU...

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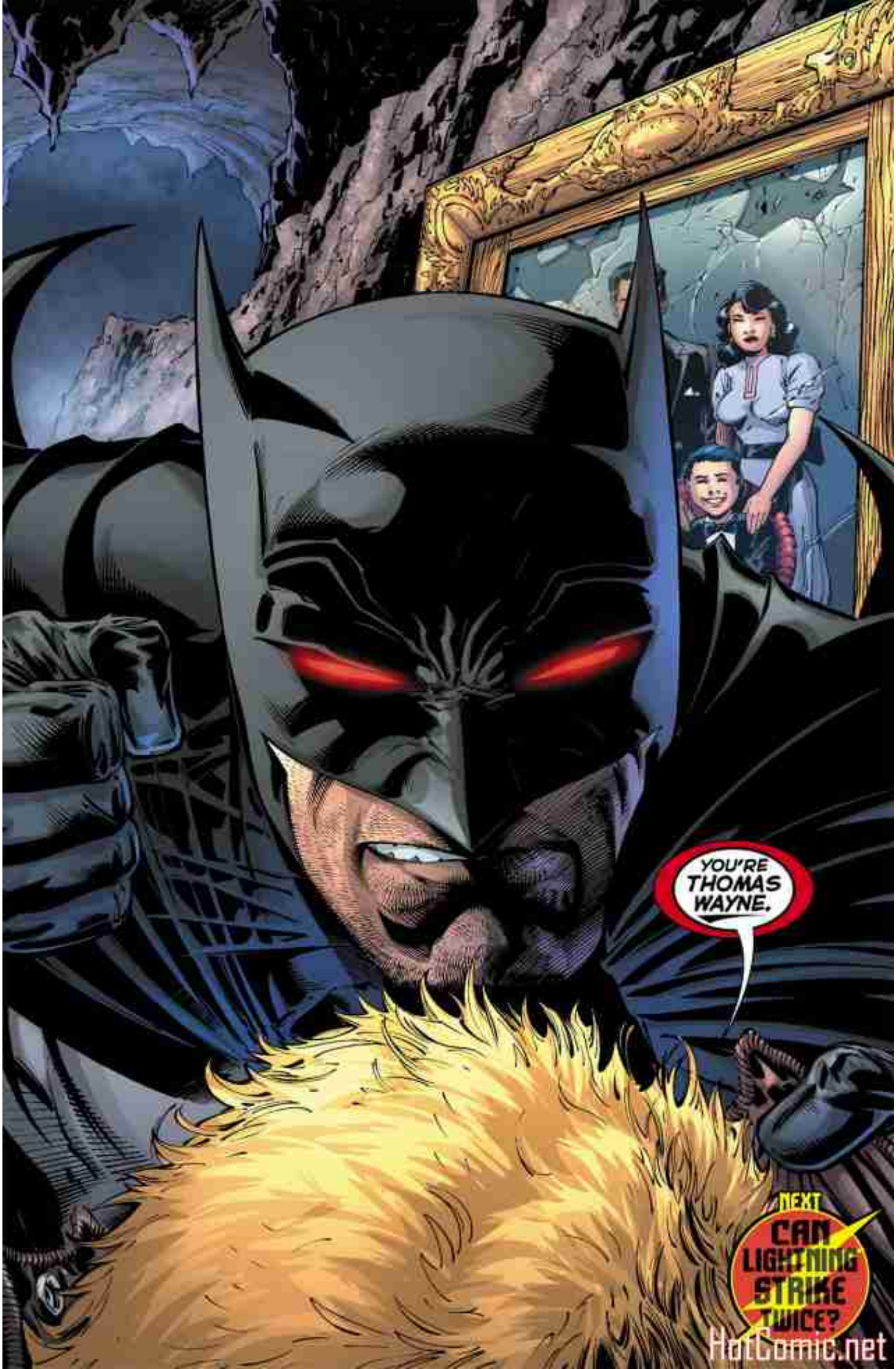

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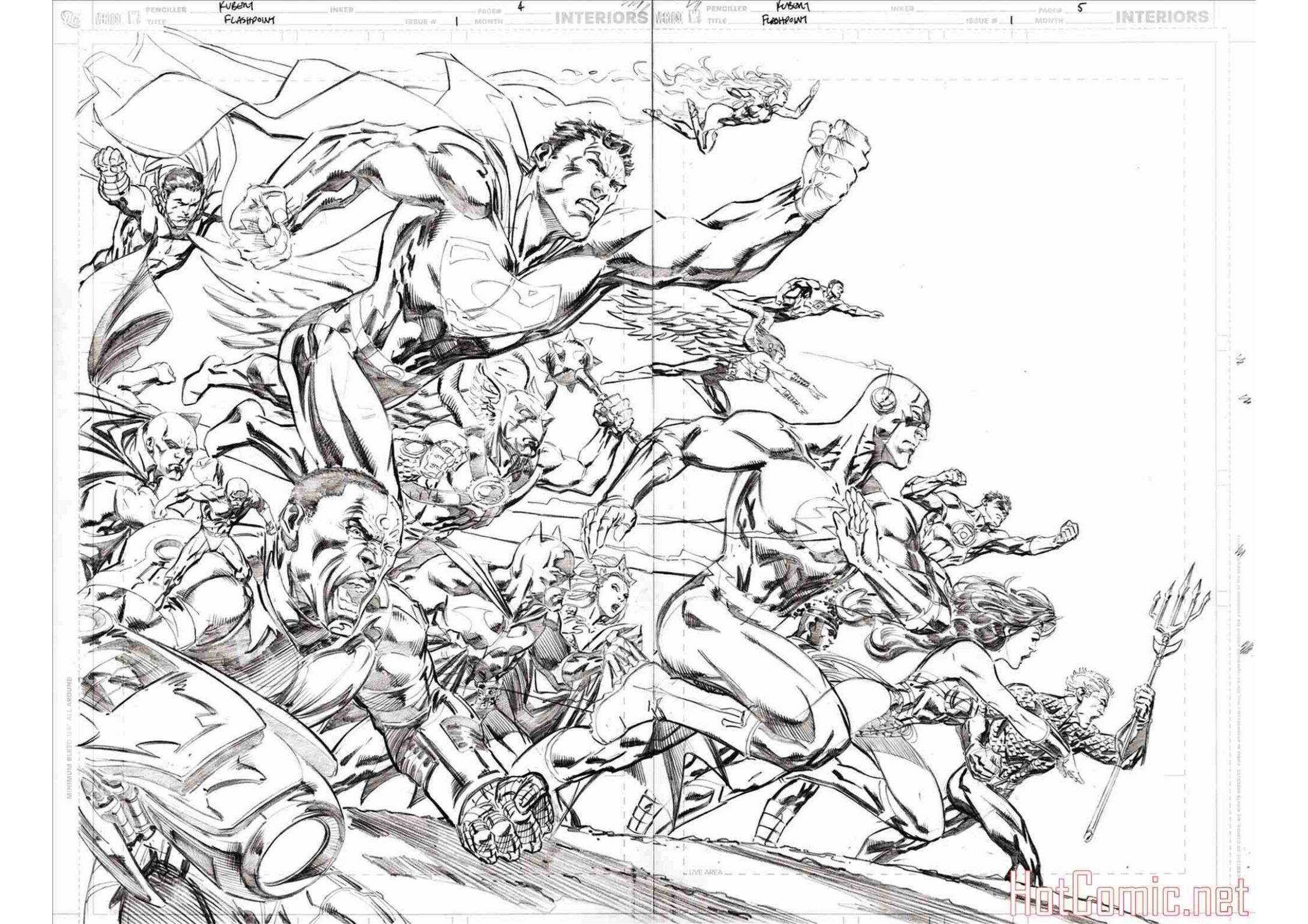
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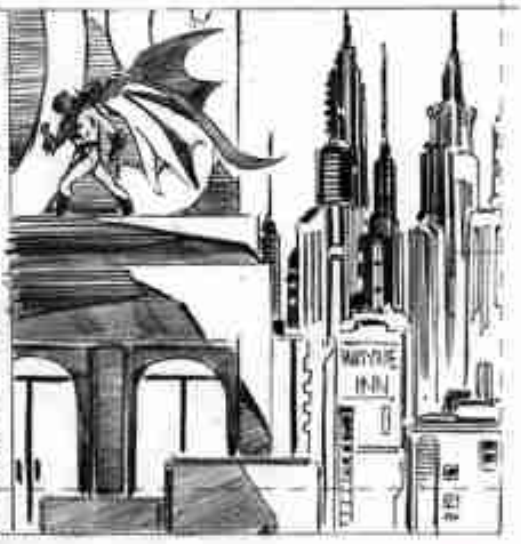

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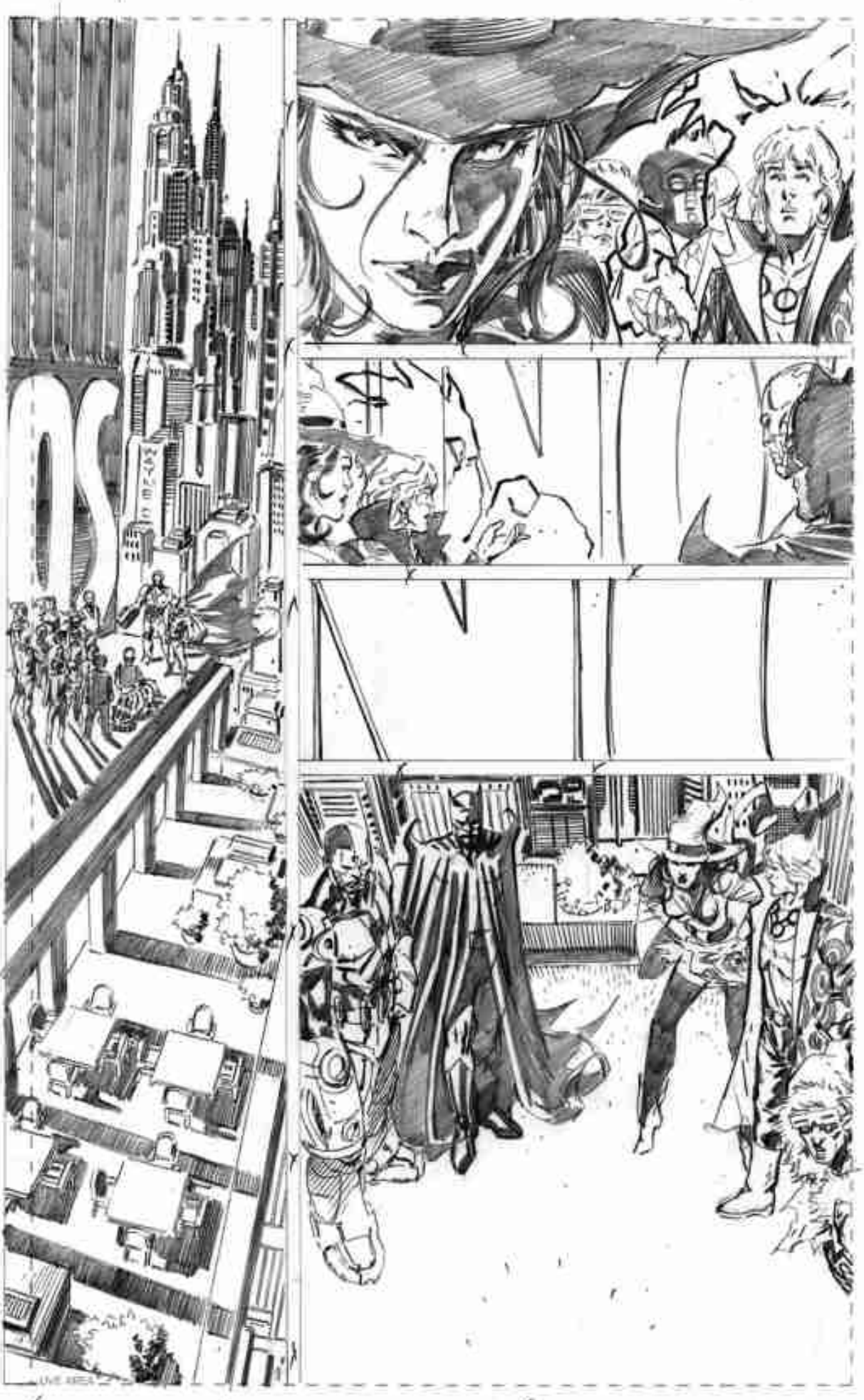

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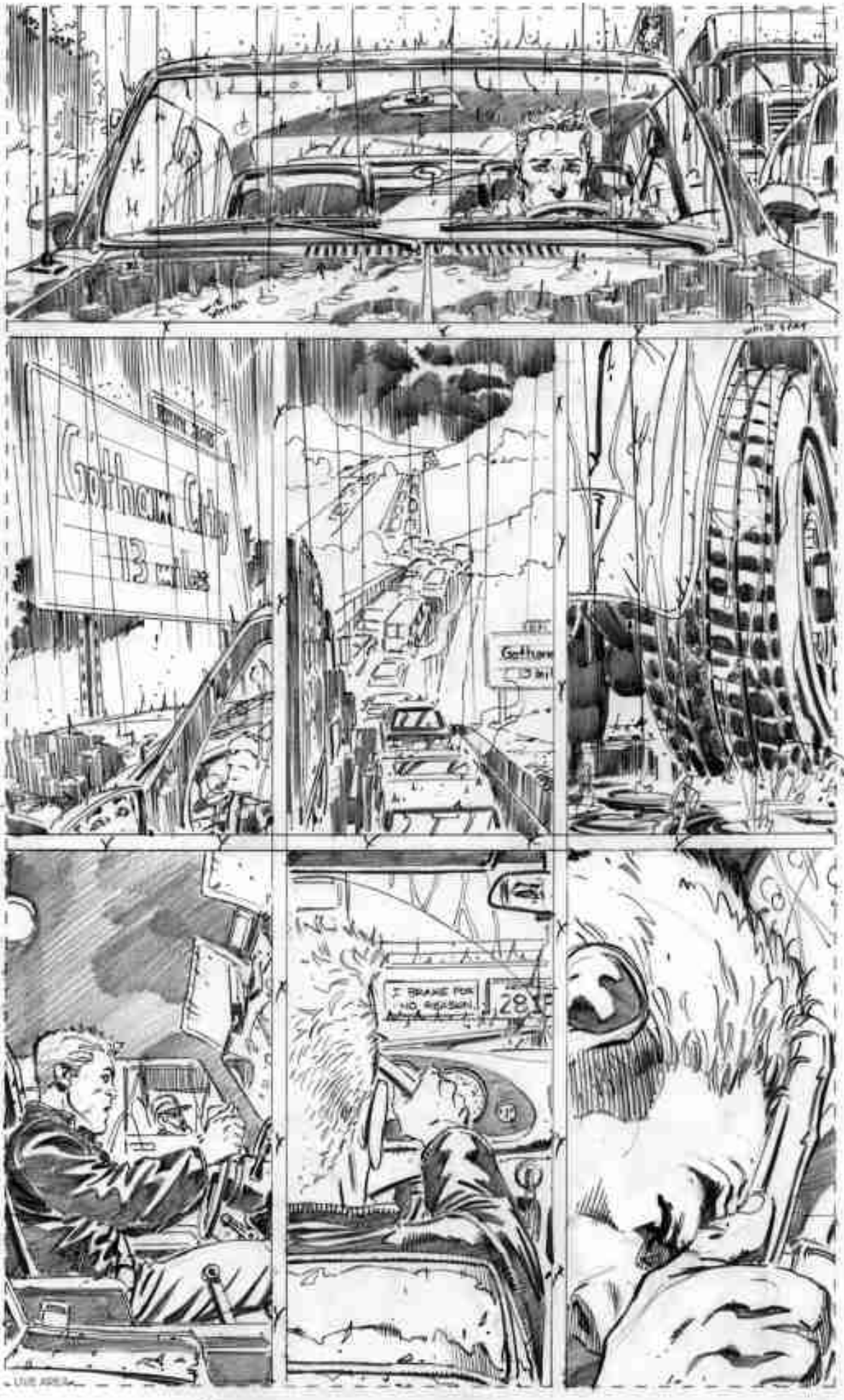

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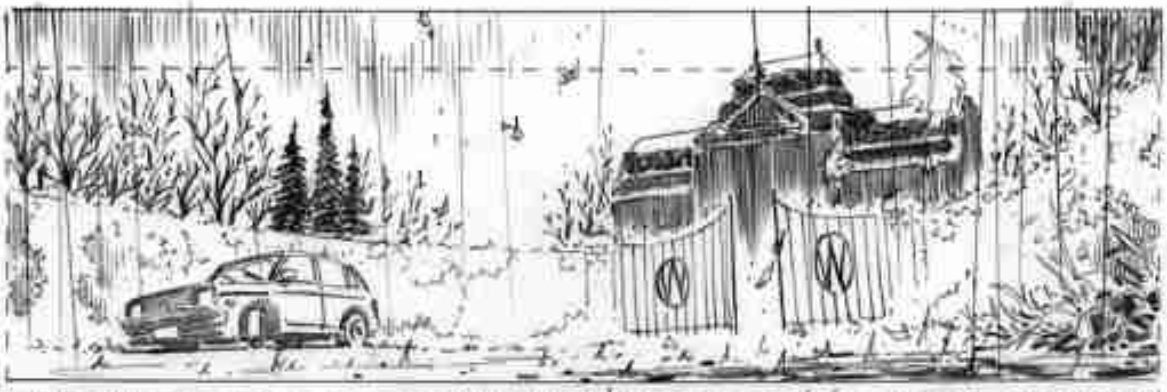

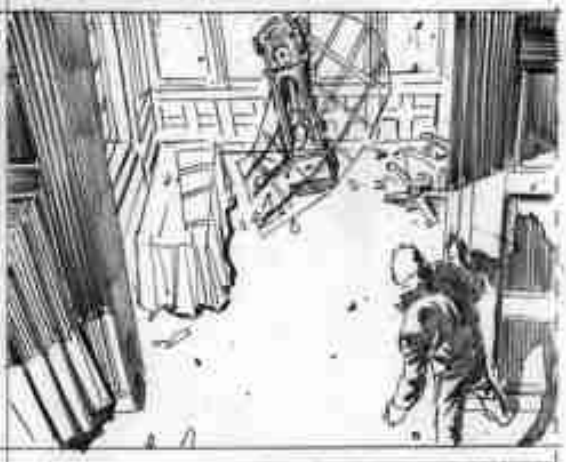

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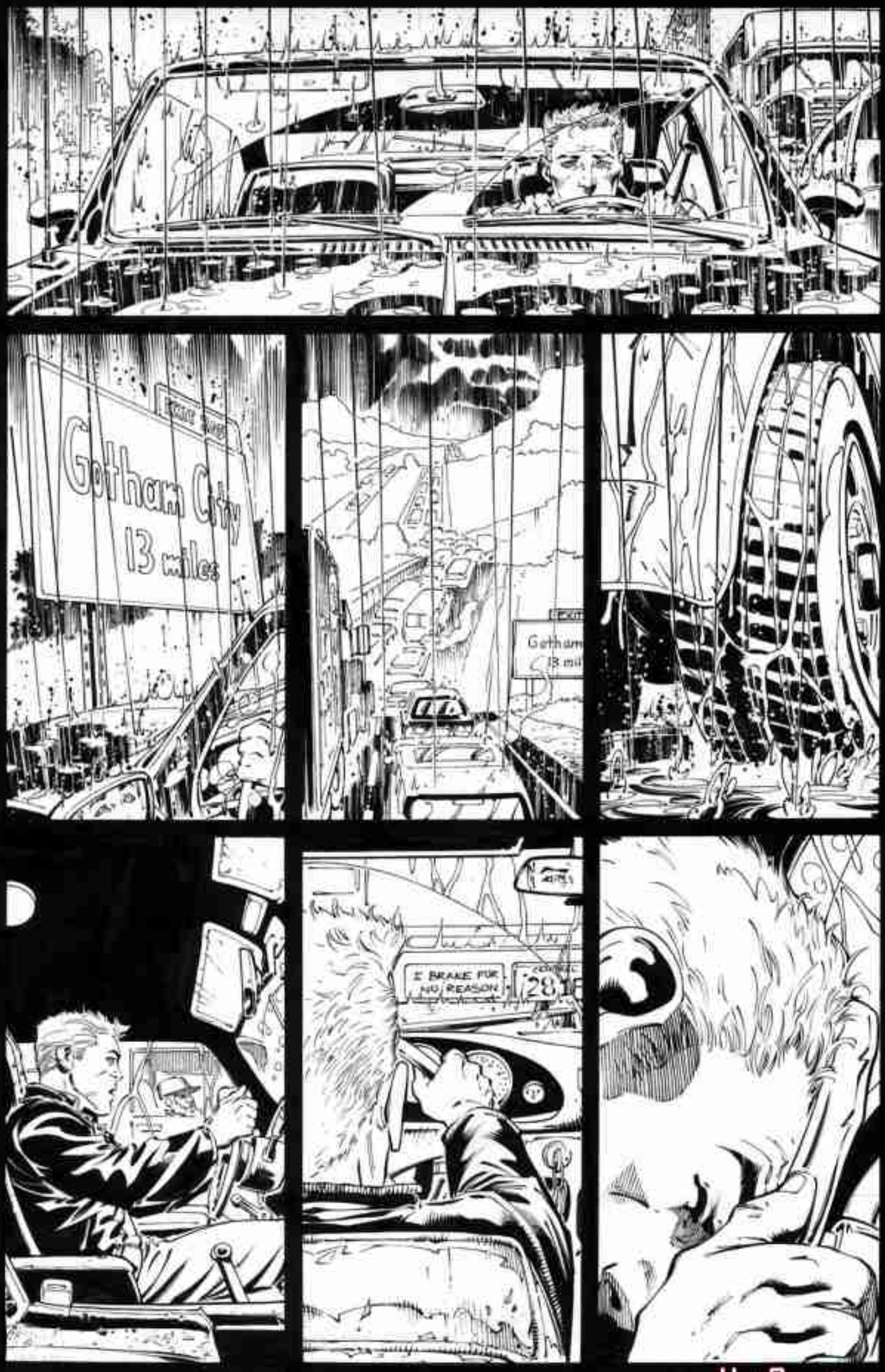

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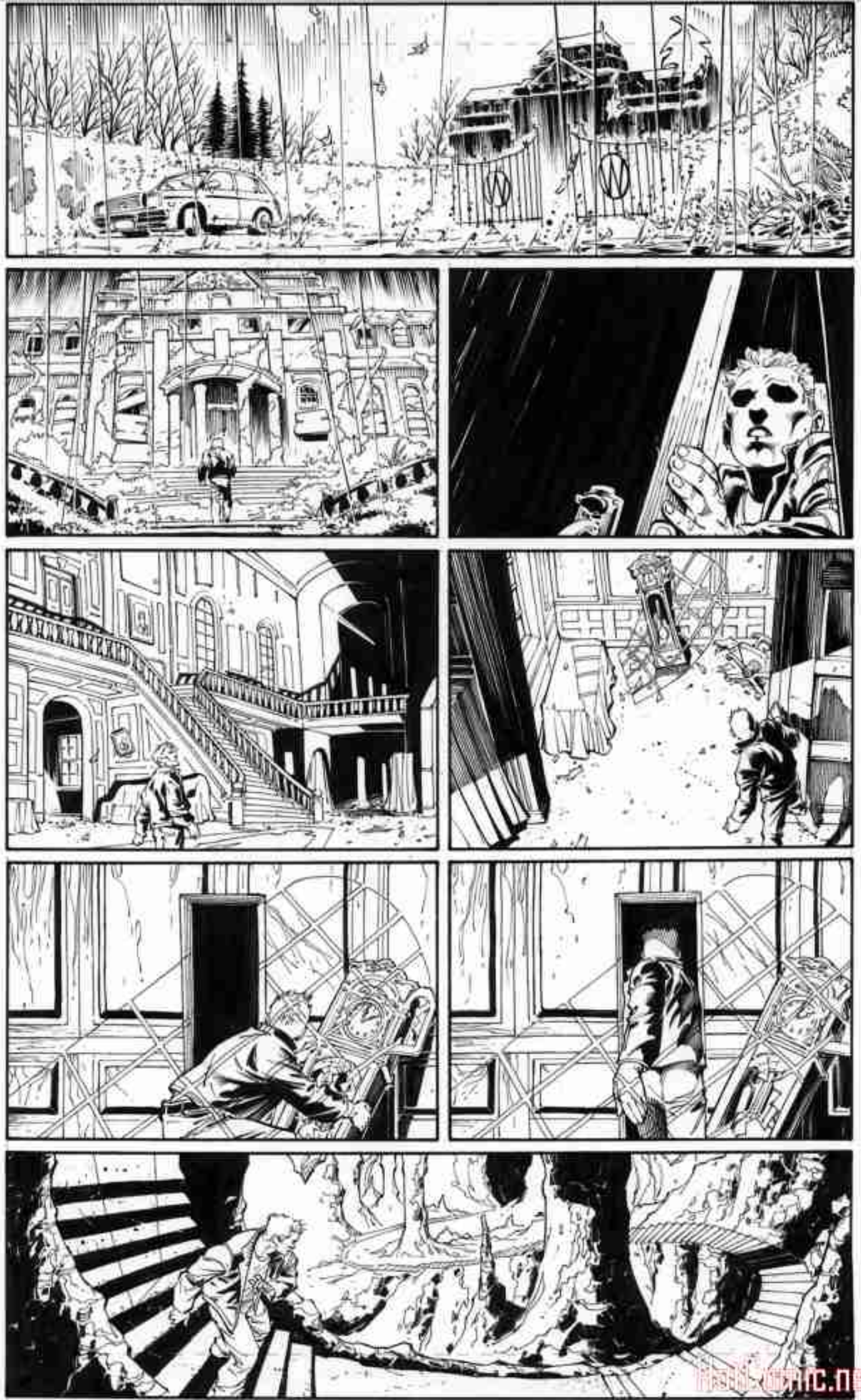

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